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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FOR SAUDI CULTURAL AFFAIRS
OFFICER

REF: JIDDA 3930

1. DEPARTMENT IS NOT AWARE OF ANY SAUDI CULTURAL AFFAIRS
OFFICER IN NEW YORK TO WHOM DIPLOMATIC STATUS HAS BEEN
EXTENDED IN ANY CAPACITY. IF FONOFF COULD PROVIDE HIS
NAME WE COULD CHECK FURTHER.

2. FYI: DEPARTMENT'S LONG-HELD POSITION IS THAT DIPLOMATIC
STATUS WILL BE ACCORDED ONLY TO OFFICERS DEVOTING THEIR
OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES FULL-TIME TO DIPLOMATIC DUTIES AND
RESIDING IN WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA. FOR THAT REASON,
WITH EXCEPTION OF CERTAIN SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED FINANCIAL,
ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL POSITIONS IN NEW YORK CITY, DEPT.
CANNOT CONSIDER FOR DIPLOMATIC ACCREDITATION AS MEMBER OF
AN EMBASSY STAFF ANY PERSON WHO DOES NOT MEET FOREGOING
CRITERIA.

3. SAME RULE APPLIES TO DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO
MISSIONS OF UNITED NATIONS IN THAT THEY MUST BE RESIDENT
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IN GREATER NEW YORK CITY AREA. ALTHOUGH IN A FEW INSTANCES
DEPARTMENT HAS ACCORDED CONSULAR RECOGNITION TO A PERSON
ENJOYING DIPLOMATIC STATUS AS MEMBER OF HIS COUNTRY'S UN

MISSION, UN ACCREDITATION IS PREMISED ON OFFICER'S BEING
RESIDENT IN NEW YORK AREA.

4. RECOMMEND EMBASSY SUGGEST FONOFF CONSIDER ESTABLISH-
ING A CONSULAR POST IN DALLAS, WHICH WHILE NOT CONFERRING
FULL DIPLOMATIC STATUS ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER COULD
GIVE HIM OFFICIAL ACTS IMMUNITY AS WELL AS DUTY-FREE AND
OTHER PRIVILEGES. IT IS NOT FELT THAT ISSUANCE OF VISAS
NEED BE A MANDATORY FUNCTION OF SUCH CONSULAR POST. KISSINGER

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